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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

United States of America,  
  
Plaintiff,

vs.

1. Mehrzad Asadi Eidivand, and  
(Count 1)
  2. Linet Vartanniaavartanians,  
(Counts 2-3)
- Defendants.

No. CR25-931-PHX-DGC

**REDACTED  
SUPERSEDING INDICTMENT**

VIO: 18 U.S.C. §§ 922(g)(5) and 924(a)(8)  
(Alien in Possession of Firearms and  
Ammunition)  
Count 1

18 U.S.C. §§ 922(g)(5), 924(a)(8) and 2  
(Alien in Possession of Firearms and  
Ammunition, Aid and Abet)  
Count 2

18 U.S.C. § 115(a)(1)(B)  
(Threats Against a Law Enforcement  
Officer)  
Count 3

18 U.S.C. §§ 924(d) and 981;  
21 U.S.C. §§ 853 and 881; and  
28 U.S.C. § 2461(c)  
(Forfeiture Allegation)

**THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:**

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1 arrived on the scene. As multiple TPD officers approached, they shared that Defendant  
2 LINET VARTANNIAVARTANIANS had called 911.

3 9. Defendant LINET VARTANNIAVARTANIANS, in a recorded 911 phone  
4 call, said the following, among other things:

- 5 a. "I'm not letting anybody enter my home without my, you know,  
6 permission. So anybody that tries to invade my home, I'm going to  
7 shoot them. Like I said, I have a gun, and it's loaded."
- 8 b. "Anybody trying to enter my house is going to be shooted. I don't  
9 allow anybody in my house, including ICE."
- 10 c. When asked about the location of the gun, she responded "in my hand  
11 right now."
- 12 d. "I go outside the backyard, and I'll just shoot them in the head."

13 10. Defendant MEHRZAD ASADI EIDIVAND spoke with TPD officers over  
14 the phone, stating he is a patriot and does not agree with what is going on. When a TPD  
15 officer asked him about guns, Defendant MEHRZAD ASADI EIDIVAND said "we do  
16 have guns."

17 11. On June 22, 2025, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) agents and  
18 ICE/ERO officers executed a federal search warrant at Defendants MEHRZAD ASADI  
19 EIDIVAND and LINET VARTANNIAVARTANIANS's residence in Tempe, Arizona.

20 12. During the search of their residence, agents found firearms and ammunition.

- 21 a. On the kitchen counter and visible upon entry, agents found a Glock,  
22 45, 9mm, handgun, Serial Number (S/N): BSTM071. This firearm  
23 was loaded with a magazine containing 10 rounds of 9 x 19 mm  
24 caliber Hornady ammunition.
- 25 b. On the bedroom nightstand, in the bedroom shared by Defendants  
26 MEHRZAD ASADI EIDIVAND and LINET  
27 VARTANNIAVARTANIANS, agents found a Masada, ORP, 9mm,  
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1 handgun, S/N: M1022117. This firearm was loaded with a magazine  
2 containing 15 rounds of 9 x 19 mm caliber Hornady ammunition.

3 c. In the bedroom closet of the bedroom shared by Defendants  
4 MEHRZAD ASADI EIDIVAND and LINET  
5 VARTANNIAVARTANIANS, agents found 740 rounds of Tula 9 x  
6 19 mm caliber ammunition and an additional magazine loaded with  
7 10 rounds of Tula 9 x 19 mm caliber ammunition.

8 13. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) evaluated  
9 the firearms and ammunition found at Defendants' residence, listed in paragraph 12, and  
10 determined all had travelled in interstate and/or foreign commerce.

11 14. Based upon the make, model, and serial number of the firearms, law  
12 enforcement learned that Defendant LINET VARTANNIAVARTANIANS purchased  
13 both firearms on June 11, 2021 in Addison, Texas.

14 **COUNT 1**

15 15. The factual allegations above are incorporated for Count 1.

16 16. Beginning by at least June 21, 2025, and continuing through June 22, 2025,  
17 in the District of Arizona, Defendant MEHRZAD ASADI EIDIVAND, knowing that he  
18 was an alien illegally and unlawfully in the United States, did knowingly possess firearms  
19 and ammunition, to wit:

20 (1) a Glock, 45, 9mm, handgun, S/N: BSTM071;

21 (2) 10 rounds of 9 x 19 mm caliber Hornady ammunition (contained  
22 within the magazine inserted into the Glock Handgun),

23 (3) a Masada, ORP, 9mm, handgun, S/N: M1022117,

24 (4) 15 rounds of 9 x 19 mm caliber Hornady ammunition (contained  
25 within the magazine inserted into the Masada handgun),

26 (5) 10 rounds of 9 x 19 mm caliber Tula ammunition, and

27 (6) 740 rounds of 9 x 19 mm caliber Tula ammunition,

28 all of which were previously shipped or transported in interstate and/or foreign commerce.

17. In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(5) and 924(a)(8).

COUNT 2

18. The factual allegations above are incorporated for Count 2.

19. Beginning by at least June 21, 2025, and continuing through June 22, 2025, in the District of Arizona, Defendant LINET VARTANNIAVARTANIANS, knowing Defendant MEHRZAD ASADI EIDIVAND was an alien illegally and unlawfully in the United States, did knowingly aid and abet Defendant MEHRZAD ASADI EIDIVAND in the possession of firearms and ammunition as alleged in Count 1.

20. In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(5), 924(a)(8) and 2.

### COUNT 3

21. The factual allegations above are incorporated for Count 3.

22. On or about June 21, 2025, in the District of Arizona, Defendant LINET VARTANNIAVARTANIANS, did threaten to assault and kill certain ICE/ERO officers who were present at her residence on that day, the ICE/ERO officers being persons designated and protected under Title 18, United States Code Section 1114, and Defendant LINET VARTANNIAVARTANIANS did so with the intent to impede, intimidate, or interfere with the ICE/ERO officers while they were engaged in the performance of their official duties, by stating she was going to shoot ICE agents as further detailed in Paragraph 9.

23. In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 115(a)(1)(B).

## FORFEITURE ALLEGATION

The Grand Jury realleges and incorporates the allegations of Counts 1 and 2 of this Superseding Indictment, which is incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 924(d) and 981, 21 U.S.C. §§ 853 and 881, and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), and upon conviction of the offenses alleged in Counts 1 and 2 of this Superseding Indictment, defendants shall forfeit to the United States of America all right,

1 title, and interest in (a) any property constituting, or derived from, any proceeds the person  
2 obtained, directly or indirectly, as the result of the offense, and (b) any of defendants'  
3 property used, or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or to facilitate the  
4 commission of, such offense as to which property defendants are liable, including, but not  
5 limited to, the following property involved and used in the offense:

- 6 (1) a Glock, 45, 9mm, handgun, S/N: BSTM071;
- 7 (2) 10 rounds of 9 x 19 mm caliber Hornady ammunition,
- 8 (3) a Masada, ORP, 9mm, handgun, S/N: M1022117,
- 9 (4) 15 rounds of 9 x 19 mm caliber Hornady ammunition,
- 10 (5) 10 rounds of 9 x 19 mm caliber Tula ammunition, and
- 11 (6) 740 rounds of 9 x 19 mm caliber Tula ammunition,

12 If any of the above-described forfeitable property, as a result of any act or omission  
13 of defendant:

- 14 (1) cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence,
- 15 (2) has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party,
- 16 (3) has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the court,
- 17 (4) has been substantially diminished in value, or
- 18 (5) has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided  
19 without difficulty, it is the intent of the United States to seek forfeiture  
20 of any other property of said defendants up to the value of the above-  
21 described forfeitable property, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(p).

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1 All in accordance with Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924(d), 981 and 982,  
2 Title 21, United States Code, Sections 853 and 881, Title 28, United States Code Section  
3 2461(c), and Rule 32.2, Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

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5 A TRUE BILL

6 /s/  
7 FOREPERSON OF THE GRAND JURY  
Date: August 12, 2025

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